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Dear Sir,

Referring to your inquiry of aug. 07 I confirm that Sigma-Aldrich Biochemie GmbH and all of its precursor companies, in particular Proligo Biochemie GmbH, have never offered, sold or marketed any α -L-LNA compositions, i.e. phosphoramidites or nucleoside loaded polymeric supports comprising α -L-LNA nucleosides of any kind, to any client, neither in the public or in a confidential manner. The same is true for Proligo LLC, the parent company of Proligo Biochemie GmbH during 1998 to 2005.

In contrast, Sigma-Aldrich Biochemie GmbH, its precursor company Proligo Biochemie GmbH, and its former parent company Proligo LLC have offered, sold or marketed β -D-LNA compositions, i.e. compositions based on β -D-LNA nucleosides, to the public until end 2007.

Best regards

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